

b.) Remarks

Claims 23 and 29-30 have been amended in order to recite the present invention with the specificity required by statute. No new matter has been added.

At the outset, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 2-8, 16, 24 and 31-32 are allowed.

To expedite prosecution, non-elected claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled. This leaves only the rejection of claims 24 [*sic*, 23] , 29 and 30 which are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. This is the sole remaining issue.


Although Applicants respectfully submit this rejection is without basis in fact, claims 23, 29 and 30 have been amended to recite "a pulmonary tumor" (in conformity with Test Example 1) in order to overcome the rejection.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the Examiner's concerns should now be overcome and all claims placed in allowable condition. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Claims 2-8, 16, 23-24 and 29-32 remain presented for continued prosecution.

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